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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 28, 2003

The comments of the Examiner set forth in the Final office action dated March 28, 2003 have been carefully studied, and Applicant submits the following remarks in response thereto.

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicant questions whether the amendments of December 2, 2002 have been entered. In a response submitted on that date, Applicant amended claims 1 and 8 from "determining the distance between two selected points associated with a radiographic imager," to "determining the distance between an x-ray source and an image receptor." However, the Examiner's rejection states that "Badano discloses a radiographic imager having a measuring device for determining the distance between two selected points," language from the claims as filed, not as amended. The x-ray source and image receptor are explicit limitations of the claims, and cannot be ignored. "All words in a claim must be considered in judging the patentability of that claim against

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